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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE ON MARINE-OIL POLLUTION

REF: (A) STATE 79637, (B) STATE 66771

1. ON APRIL 14, WE DISCUSSED THE PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE ON MARINE-OIL POLLUTION AT LENGTH WITH MIROSLAW ZIEMBA, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SHIPPING AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY. THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON THESE QUESTIONS WERE PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED. WE WILL ALSO MEET WITH OFFICIALS IN THE LEGAL OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THE INITIATIVE.
2. ZIEMBA SAID POLAND FULLY SHARES OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS AND GLOBAL NATURE OF MARINE-OIL POLLUTION. THE GDANSK CONVENTION OF 1973 ENABLED COUNTRIES BORDERING ON

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THE BALTIC TO DEAL WITH MARINE POLLUTION ON A REGIONAL BASIS, HE SAID. THE BALTIC IS VIRTUALLY AN ENCLOSED SEA, HE COMMENTED, AND OIL POLLUTION THERE CAN PRESENT EVEN MORE SEVERE PROBLEMS THAN ARE ENCOUNTERED ELSEWHERE. ZIEMBA WAS GLAD THE ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF IMCO HAD TAKEN PLACE. HE THOUGHT THE GOP COULD IN GENERAL SUPPORT

OUR INITIATIVES AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH IF
HE HAD SPECIFIC COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS TO RELAY.

3. DIRECTOR ZIEMBA SAID THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND
CREW TRAINING ON POLISH TANKERS EXCEED CURRENT STANDARDS.
THEY DO NOT MEET SOME OF THE NEW STANDARDS, SUCH AS
DOUBLE HULLS, WHICH WE ARE PROPOSING. HE SAID IT WAS
SOMEHAT STRANGE, HOWEVER, THE THE U.S. COULD NOT
ALLOW POLISH TANKERS WITH FAVORABLE SAFETY RECORDS TO
COMPETE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH LIBERIAN AND PANAMANIAN
VESSELS, WHICH HAVE COMPARATIVELY BAD SAFETY RECORDS. HE
REPEATED VICE MINISTER ZYLKOWSKI'S EARLIER REQUEST
(WARSAW 513) THAT THE USG SHORTEN THE ADVANCE NOTICE
FOR POLISH TANKERS CALLING FROM CARIBBEAN PORTS. HE
ASKED WHETHER OUR "TENTATIVE" REJECTION (STATE 41233)
WAS BEING GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

4. WE SAID THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THE MATTER WAS STILL UNDER
REVIEW, AND THAT WE HOPED THE GOP WOULD UNDERSTAND
THAT NEW DEMANDS BEING PLACED UPON THE RESOURCES
OF THE COAST GUARD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO RESPOND
POSITIVELY TO THE POLISH REQUEST. WE SAID WE WOULD
AGAIN CALL THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON
AGENCIES.DAVIES

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